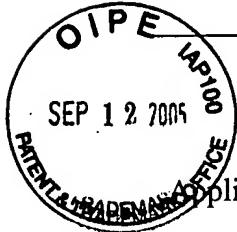


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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

Restriction Requirement in 2 pages.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

The present application qualifies for Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27.

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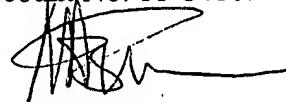
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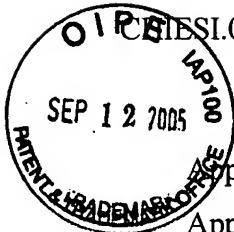
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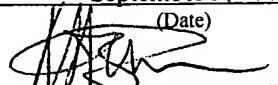
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 13, 2005, Applicants hereby submit the following election and response to the restriction requirement.

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention set forth in Group I, Claims 1-32, in this application, without traverse. Applicant also elects the following species: diornithine alphaketoglutarate. Note that inherent in this election is the designation of values for X, Z, n₁, and n₂.

The election of species set forth herein is done with the express understanding that, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.146 and M.P.E.P. §809, if the claims directed to the elected species are found to be patentable, the entire genus will be examined and the subsequently-issued patent will include all allowable species.